

## **PRESTON PADDEN Biography**

Preston Padden became executive vice president of government relations for The Walt Disney Company in July, 1998. Based in Washington, D.C., he represents all business units of The Walt Disney Company in their interactions with the U.S. government and those of other countries.

Previously he was president, ABC Television Network. Before joining ABC in 1997, Padden was chairman and chief executive officer of American Sky Broadcasting (ASkyB), a satellite television joint venture between News Corporation and MCI. Prior to joining ASkyB, he had served as president, telecommunications and television, for News Corporation, having joined Fox Broadcasting Company in January 1990, as senior vice president, Affiliates.

Born on November 26, 1948 in Washington, D.C., he received his undergraduate degree from the University of Maryland and his law degree from George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

Padden serves on the Boards of the Motion Picture Association of America and the National Association of Broadcasters.

Padden and his wife Barbara are the parents of three children and live in Potomac, Md.

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